



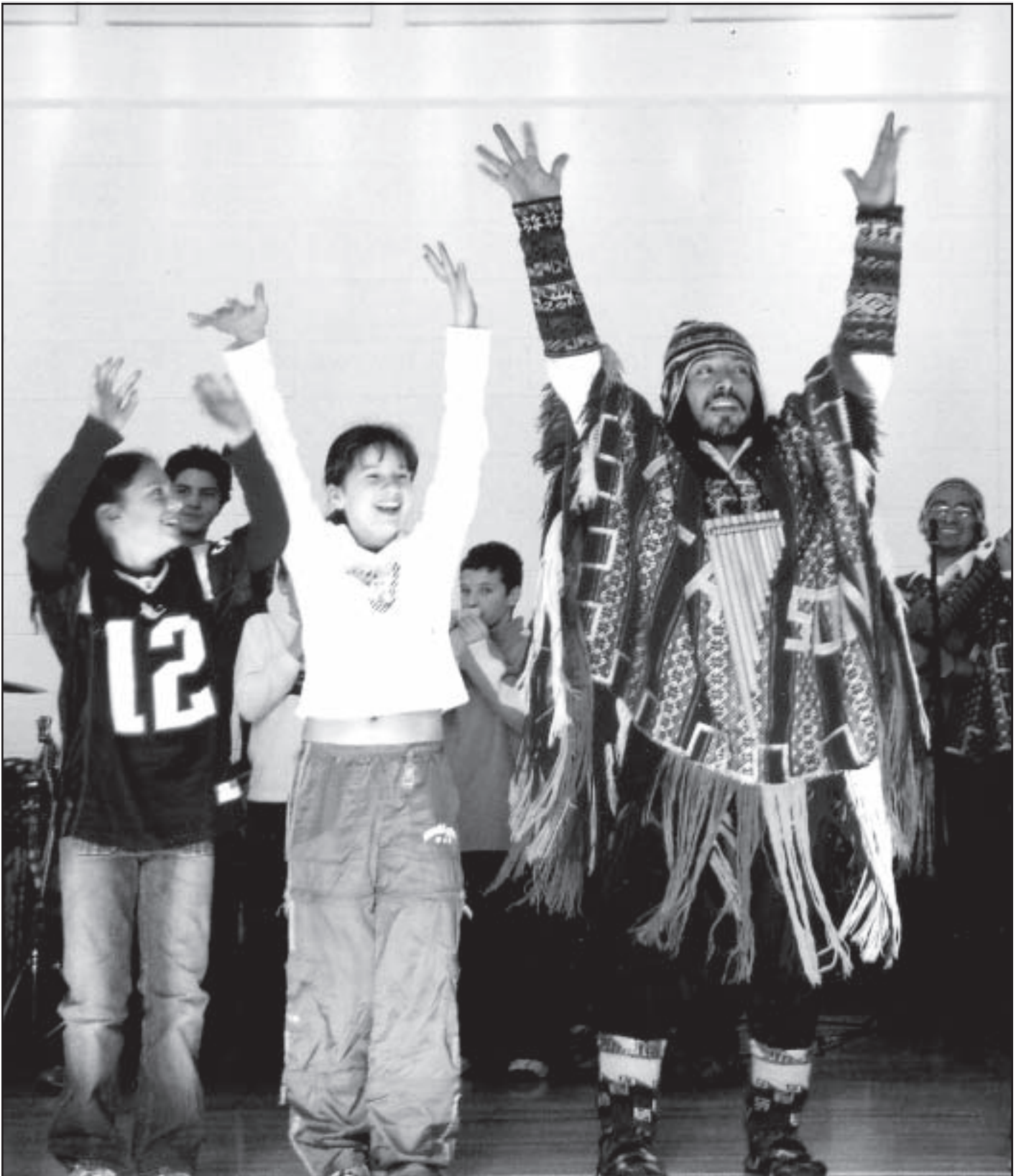
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Mattapoissett's Youth Ambassador

Daniel Tripp, a fifth grader from Mattapoissett's Old Hammondtown School, has been chosen to represent Southeastern Massachusetts as a student ambassador with the People to People Program. Chosen from 150 students, Daniel and a crew of about 40 other students are headed down under to Australia this summer to participate in the ultimate learning adventure.

The People to People Student Ambassador Program was founded in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower with the belief that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, maybe countries could as well. The People to People Student Ambassador Program provides opportunities for grade school, junior high and senior high students to explore domestic and foreign destinations, learning about the history, government, economy and culture of the areas they visit.

In early October 2003, Daniel received a letter from the People to People organization stating he was nominated for the program. The nomination was quite a surprise given the fact that neither Daniel nor his family knew and still don't know who submitted his name for consideration. Given such a prestigious opportunity, they decided to follow-through with the process, which included the submission of an application, acquiring letters of recommendation and interviewing with a



Above: Old Rochester Regional Junior High School seventh grader Cameron Kelleher (foreground, far right) is pictured here having a chili dinner recently with Massachusetts Senator John F. Kerry (second from right) while Kerry is campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination in New Hampshire. (Photo by and courtesy of Hugh Kelleher).

On the cover: Inca Son, a Peruvian band, recently performed for Center and Old Hammondtown School students in Mattapoissett on Wednesday, January 21 at Old Hammondtown School. Students learned about fascinating aspects of Peruvian culture through the group's performance of traditional songs, dances and their colorful attire. (Photo by and courtesy of Debbi Dyson).

member of the delegation. Student Ambassadors are carefully interviewed and evaluated before they are accepted into the program.

"Daniel has proven he's got what it takes," said Ms. West, music teacher at Old Hammondtown School. "He is an outstanding student with a variety of interests such as soccer, basketball, gymnastics, Cub Scouts, Destination Imagination, reading and math."



Above: On January 9 and 10, 2004, five talented young musicians from Old Rochester Regional High School participated in the Southeast District Senior Music Festival held at Bridgewater State College. These students were selected by audition to participate in the festival that featured outstanding students from throughout Southeastern Massachusetts. Mr. Steve Rogers, ORR High School Band and Chorus Director, was pleased to note that the participating students represented each of the four graduating classes at ORR and that at least one ORR student performed in each of the four ensembles at the festival. Pictured above are (l. to r.) Junior Saxophonist Trevor Kellum (ORR Jazz Band), Sophomore Percussionist James Wilhelmsen (Orchestra), Junior Alto Nicole Franklin (Chorus), Freshman Trombonist Jared Dourdeville (Orchestra), and Senior Percussionist Steve Wheeler (ORR Concert Band).

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The 16-day program consists of meetings with government officials, interactions with other students and many educational activities. "I'm really excited to be a Student Ambassador," Daniel said. "I'll get to represent the Mattapoisett/ORR district as well as the United States and share my culture with others and learn from them as well. It will also be fun doing and seeing things that a regular tourist would not have access to."

Daniel is also looking at the future benefits stemming from his trip abroad. "As a Student Ambassador with People to People, I can also earn high school academic credit through the program's many educational centers."

As for Daniel's parents, the opportunity is a mix of emotions. "We're thrilled at what Daniel has accomplished and the opportunity he's been offered," said Ms. Tripp. "I think the toughest thing will be having him so far away for such a long period of time."

Daniel has begun raising money for the \$5,000 trip by sending letters to family and friends asking for their assistance in meeting his financial goal. In return, he plans to share his journal and photographs of the experience with contributors when he returns.

Daniel wrote in his journal: "To me, ambassadorial means that I will be representing myself, my state and my country and I need to make sure that I do this with respect and consideration of everyone around me." With an entry like that, how can anyone stand in his way?

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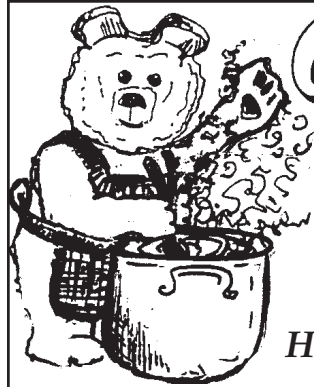
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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

January 26, 2004

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, January 26 at 6:47 pm by Chairman Naida Parker. Also present were Selectman Richard Nunes, Selectman Gary Laboa, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

The board first approved the minutes of the Open and Executive Sessions held on January 12, and then signed and approved payment of an invoice to Perry, Hicks, Crotty and Deshaies, LLP, in the amount of \$6,180 for legal services rendered. The board also received an ambulance waiver request which they unanimously approved.

Under the Town Administrator's report, Mr. Huntoon said there was a question raised over a recent request from Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical

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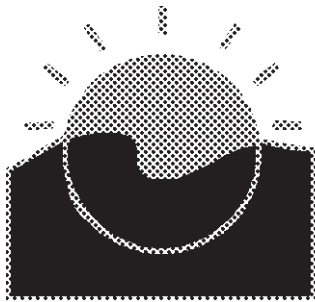
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High School to cancel the feasibility study for replacing the school's HVAC system. Even though Rochester voters had approved their share of the proposed study, the money now needs to be returned to the general fund since the school has postponed plans for the project.

"There's other repairs that they need, and they wanted a feasibility study to see what's needed ... but they had reluctance from the other towns (to fund it)," Mr. Huntoon said. "It will probably come back in 2005."

Under incoming correspondence, the board received payment in lieu of taxes for December 2003 in the amount of \$265,160 from SEMASS for some 101,594 tons of refuse collected during the month of December 2003. According to Selectman Laboa, that brings the grand

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total of SEMASS payments for 2003 to the Town of Rochester to \$2.956 million — which is slightly higher than 2002, even despite a temporary shutdown mid-year due to a fire at the facility.

At 7:05 pm the board met with members of the Soil Conservation Board and the Finance Committee (FinCom) to discuss the establishment of a Soil Board Agent position. According to Soil Board Chairman Ronald Belrose, he feels the position is needed because there's no one available during the day to inspect the properties or enforce violations in town.

"I work six days a week, and we need to do inspections four times a year," Mr. Belrose said. "We're going to try to put together a three four-hour day schedule ... meeting twice a month (with the board). We have no voice, we have no staff whatsoever."

"I think the Soil Board Agent would be a good addition to the town as a working person," added Soil Board member Gary Florindo. "Instead of putting the burden on the clerks at Town Hall. We all work, so we can't be answering questions (during the day). But having someone here three days a week, they'd be able to go over the rules and regulations with them."

"One of the assets that the Town of Rochester has is the very soil it sits on," Mr. Huntoon said. "Everytime I see a truckload go by, I wonder if they have a permit. It's not under my authority, but you sort of wonder."

Selectman Laboa asked if the Soil Board's current

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fee structure would support the position.

"We're going to have to look at the fee structure," Mr. Belrose said. "We might not be able to adjust the fees to cover all the (hours) we're asking for ... but we'll look at them." According to Mr. Belrose, Rochester has an estimated 20 active Earth Removal Permits at any given time, most of which are related to construction projects outside of town.

"If the existing fees can cover this, we'd like to see that," said Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman Michael Costa.

"One of the things I'd like to see if the position is created is more of an enforcement factor," said Selectman Nunes.

"I would think, given time, once the people holding permits see we're enforcing (the by-laws), it would detract them (from violations)," Chairman Parker added.

With verbal support from the Board of Selectmen and FinCom, the Soil Board is planning to plea their case for a Soil Board Agent at the next Town Meeting. "As a board we're not looking at wholesale changes, but we'd rather ease them in," Mr. Belrose said.

Resident Antonio Sol praised the efforts of the Soil Board in pushing to enforce the town's existing Earth Removal By-Laws, claiming that in the past many violations were either overlooked or ignored. "I want to applaud these men for what they're doing," Mr. Sol said.

In other matters, the board:

- Received a notice from the Rochester Republican Town Committee that they recently voted to have Sally Ann Shay of 33 Stuart Road fill the position of warden recently vacated by Helena Brown.

- Received an invitation to attend a reception for Georgia D. Chamberlain to be held at the Rochester Senior Center on Thursday, February 12 at 12:00 noon to honor

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- Received a memo from Town Moderator Greenwood Hartley regarding suggested plans for future Town Meetings. Mr. Hartley would like to be prepared to handle a large turnout of voters like the 400-plus showing at a Special Town Meeting last year. As such, he suggests using the Memorial School Gym to handle the overflow and that video cameras and TV monitors be used to accommodate the large turnout. If needed, an Assistant Moderator would also be appointed. These changes and related costs would have to be approved via Town Meeting and the board supported his suggestions.

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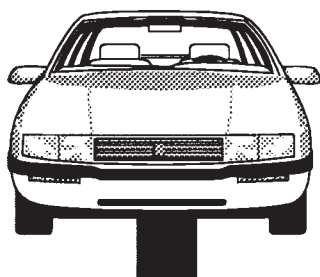


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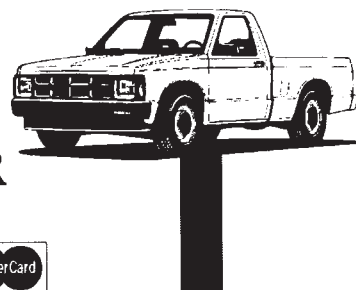


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"He's just trying to anticipate another overflow situation," Selectman Nunes said.

"I just don't think we'll see 400 people (at Town Meeting) for a while," Chairman Parker added.

• Received notice that the Annual Herring Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25 at 4:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Town Hall. "They just set up the rules of how they're going to catch (the herring) and when they're going to distribute," Mr. Huntoon said.

Under Old Business, Selectmen Chairman and Town Clerk Naida Parker again revisited the issue of Town Accountant Claudette Coutu's recent refusal to sign a Personnel Action Form (PAF) to increase part-time Town Clerk's employee Loraine McCombe's position to over 20 hours until both the Personnel Board and Finance Committee approved the measure. At the board's last meeting, Ms. Parker asked that Ms. Coutu be reprimanded for "harassing" Ms. McCombe and overstepping her authority as Town Accountant.

"I make a motion again that we reprimand Ms. Coutu for exceeding her authority as Town Accountant and for harassment in making an issue of Ms. McCombe's age," Chairman Parker said, adding that the latter charge comes in the wake of comments she made during a FinCom meeting last week.

According to Ms. Parker, Ms. Coutu said she was concerned that Ms. McCombe would not remain in the position long due to her age, which would force them to then hire a person with benefits. "I did talk to (Ms. McCombe) and she was upset ... that (Ms. Coutu) mentioned she was too old to do the job," Mr. Huntoon said.

"I will give (Ms. Coutu) the benefit of the doubt," Selectman Nunes said. "But I was kind of surprised that the Personnel Board said they didn't have to vote on it as a board."

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man Laboa said. "The board said they gave him permission to act without a meeting ... but I don't think the chairman should be making decisions on behalf of the board."

"(Ms. Coutu) accepts (Personnel Action Forms) on a regular basis without a (full vote) of the Personnel Board," Chairman Parker said. "There is adequate money in the budget ... the Town Accountant's position is not a policy-making position. If she has a problem with the Personnel By-Laws, she needs to bring those changes (before Town Meeting)."

When pressed to second Ms. Parker's motion, Selectman Laboa declined. "I would not support that unless I had Ms. McCombe and Ms. Coutu before this board at the same time," he said.

"It's not my impression that Ms. Coutu is out to get Ms. McCombe ... or that she's intentionally trying to harass this woman," Selectman Nunes said. "My impression is her actions were in good faith."

"The Town Accountant's job (under state law) is to determine whether an expenditure is illegal, fraudulent, or if it exceeds the budget," Chairman Parker said. "That's all. She is not supposed to be setting policy."

"Why does this have to be settled with a letter in someone's file?" Selectman Laboa asked. "It's my opinion that this is just another example of squabbling that's been going on between departments for some time and I don't want to be a part of it."

Selectman Nunes suggested they ask both Ms.

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McCombe and Ms. Coutu to come before the board next week to discuss this matter further. Ms. Parker said she will ask Ms. McCombe if she wants this matter to be brought up in Open Session at next week's meeting.

There being no further matters to come before the board in Open Session, they unanimously voted to go into Executive Session at 8:10 pm to discuss disciplinary action against an employee and also contract negotiations. They would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Sports Shorts

Rochester Girls Softball

Registration for **Rochester Girls Softball** for girls in Grades 3 through 8 will take place **Thursday, February 12 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm** at the Rochester Memorial School. The cost to play is \$35 and payment will be expected at the time of registration.

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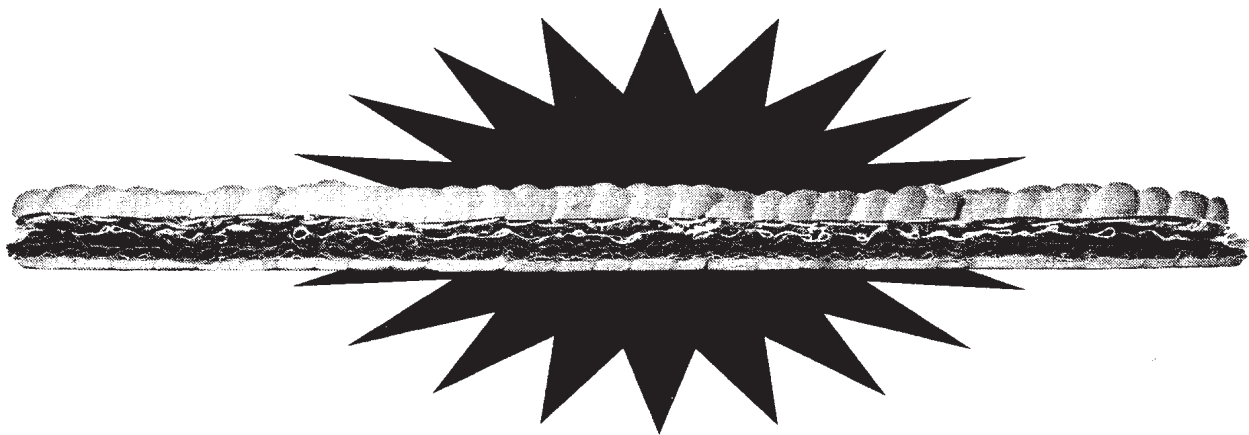


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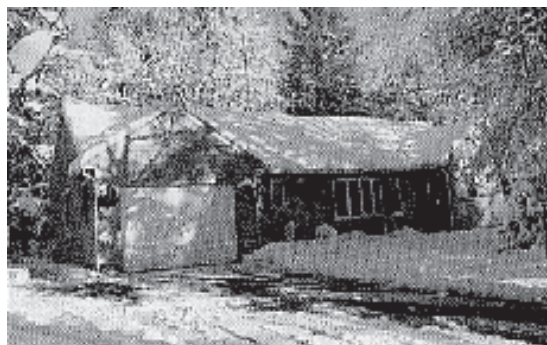
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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Were not Steve Kelleher's recent words concerning the proposed Mattapoisett Bike Path the height of ambiguity? At a meeting with the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen concerning the progress of the bike path, Mr. Kelleher said, "I would hope we (the study committee) would be close by Town Meeting with information." He then added there was no guarantee binding these words.

The (Bike Path Study Committee) still has to come forward with a financial plan and other information sought by residents and abutters. Everyone knows, by now, that the Town Meetings are usually stacked with supporters of certain articles and not providing information on the path until that time is a disservice to the town. Thus far, two meetings of the committee



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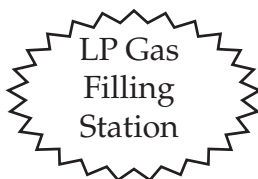
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were postponed due to a lack of a quorum within the committee. On both occasions, interested residents outnumbered the committee members present.

Selectman Steve Lombard told Mr. Kelleher not to return to the board without the full information on the proposed project. Arnold Cestari, an abutter to the project, said there was a mandate that the business plan would be developed by May 2003. "Now it's January (2004)," he said.

Mr. Cestari said he had written a letter requesting answers and has never received any. "I am concerned about the project going forward without answers," he said.

"It's not going to Town Meeting without providing the answers," Selectman Lombard said. "It will delay (the path) further and further and it will fade into oblivion."

Mr. Cestari said there was a "bias" with the committee. "How are they going to present cost factors against the benefits? A move by the majority (of the committee) to remove abutters (from the committee) is a conflict," he said, citing the (recusing) of (Selectmen Chairman) Barry Denham as an example.

Selectman Lombard said voters go to Town Meeting with special interests but it was up to the rest of the citizens to "keep an eye on it." Selectman Raymond Andrews said a minority dissension vote could be presented.

Other questions that surfaced at the meeting included one from Selectman Lombard concerning a hydrology study for Eel Pond, something Selectman Lombard said was badly needed to determine the flow of water in and out of the marshes. He said the Coast Guard needs to be informed about the proposed 50-foot bridge span over the marsh because the Coast Guard has jurisdiction over such waterways.

It was brought out that State Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) was in Washington, DC consulting with

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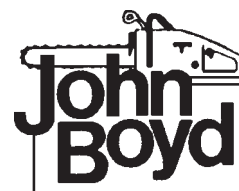
the Fish and Wildlife Service about a waiver to build the bridge across the marsh ... another invasion of wetlands that will change the natural order.

It appears as if the committee is doing a delaying action, a move to keep the answers (if it has any) hidden until it can present some semblance of them at the Town Meeting which will be stacked with supporters. How about the land takings, the maintenance costs, personnel (additional for the Highway Department), policing, and the like? Let's have it or withdraw.

Sincerely,
 Michael Couture
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To the Editor:

On October 7, 2003, the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation voted to award \$3,110 to the Town of Marion for the benefit of low-income homeowners to help them pay their real estate taxes. Fourteen homeowners were awarded between \$200 and \$320 to assist them with their taxes. This grant money was from the Marion Community Fund.

The Marion Community Fund was established in 1999 to preserve the town's diversity and character by providing property tax relief for Marion homeowners who are a key part of the town's makeup and who might be forced to leave Marion due to higher taxes.

The number of people applying for these limited funds has grown significantly but unfortunately the amount of money which can be distributed has not. If you would like to give tax-exempt donations to local charities, this would be an excellent use of your funds. Please consider making a tax-exempt donation to the Marion Community Fund, c/o the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts, 227 Union Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. Thank you.

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To the Editor:

The following is taken from the minutes of the Mattapoisett Housing Partnership Committee of June 10, 2003 under Old Business: "Sub-committee review: Steve Vaites reported on the Brandt Island Project for Ray Andrews. He stated that Elizabeth Leidhold has walked the property and she said that the property upland should be buildable on the western side with more lowland on the eastern side adjacent to the Mahoney property with sufficient acreage."

With having an enormous amount of respect for those citizens who give of their time to serve on Town Committees, it saddens us to have to expose to the residents of Mattapoisett what has been transpiring over the last few months.

Just by chance a resident of the Brandt Island area happened upon surveyors on town property. He inquired as to what they were doing. The response was, "affordable housing." Of course, this opened up Pandora's Box. After many inquiries, we came upon the Mattapoisett Housing Partnership Committee, which had been meeting since March of 2002. When minutes of their meetings were requested, they could not produce them, with the exception of four months. At this time we did not know how long the committee had been in existence. We later found out (exactly?) how many months of minutes were missing.

This was reported to the Plymouth County District Attorney's office, as it is a clear-cut violation of the Open Meeting Law. This committee was given ten days to produce approximately 19 meetings' worth of minutes (we say approximately because the committee themselves couldn't exactly determine when they met).

On December 16, 2003, the committee met to put together the missing minutes, residents of the Leisure Shores



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area were present, and we were told not to ask any questions until they had finished their work. We sat patiently for almost two hours until we were allowed to ask questions or make any comments. At that time, we directed a question to Selectman Ray Andrews, who sits on the committee, as to the appointment status of all members on the committee. He stated that everyone was up-to-date with their appointments. They were not. Mr. Stephen E. Vaitses' term (the chairman) had expired April 30, 2003.

In essence, everything that committee had done since May 1, 2003 was null and void. If you are not sworn in, you have no legal right to vote or even make a motion. The major point is that no one on that committee knew Mr. Vaitses' term had expired. The date of this meeting was December 16, 2003.

On December 18, 2003, Mr. Vaitses was sworn in. The appointment slip is dated December 15, 2003, the day before they even knew his term had expired. This appointment slip is signed by all three Selectmen. The can claim they put the wrong date on the appointment slip, but it is very clear this was done so that the minutes of (December 16) and the missing minutes could be sent into the state.

We believe that it is time to start holding people accountable, what was done is fraud and it is now in the hands of the State Ethics Commission. We're tired of the arrogance, and the above-the-law attitude that our elected officials display.

Taxpayers and citizens, please keep in mind that we are concerned about 33 acres of town property — one of if not the largest parcels left owned by the town.

Sincerely,

Joseph Deleo, President

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Currently membership includes many key local business and school leaders including the Superintendents of both Old Rochester Regional and Old Colony Regional Voke, the owner of the areas largest auto dealership, representatives of three local banks, cranberry bog owners, financial planners, architects, consulting engineers, surveyors, entrepreneurs who own book stores, flower boutiques, clothing designers, and numerous other businesses.

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Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on February 2.

Rochester Dinner Dance

Tickets are now available for the Rochester Country Fair's Annual Winter Dinner Dance. Bring your dancing shoes and support the Rochester Country Fair by attending their Dinner Dance featuring The Relics on Saturday, February 28. The evening's events will take place at the Redman Hall located at 758 Main Street in Wareham. A Roast Beef Dinner Buffet will be served at 7:00 pm with live music by The Relics starting at 8:00 pm. Other events that evening will include a 50/50 Raffle as well as a Chinese Auction.

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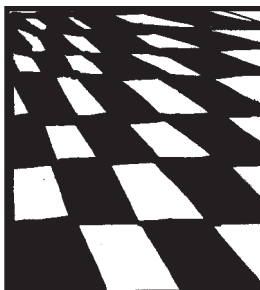
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Mattapoisett Monument Rededication

The Veterans Service Office for Mattapoisett and Rochester in conjunction with the Florence Eastman Post 280 American Legion is planning a rededication of the Civil War Soldier's and Sailor's Monument on Saturday, October 9, 2004 at the Mattapoisett Public Library to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the statue.

On October 22, 1904, the monument was dedicated to the men of Mattapoisett who gave their lives in the service of their country. The monument was a gift of George Purrington, Jr. and stands on a lot located on Barstow Street purchased with a special fund which had been held by the town for several years. Further details of the 100th Anniversary Rededication will follow in the coming months.

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When it first opened, the play encountered many difficulties. Its female lead was two weeks late returning from her husband's funeral, and her replacement had to learn the show in four days. A third lead came down with appendicitis. Yet another refused to sing her signature song. Names were left off the program, the debut was thought to be 45 minutes too long, and no one in the audience responded to the show until the "Cannon Song" of the second act. In revising the script, which he was still doing during rehearsals, one of the last numbers Brecht

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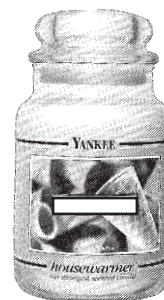
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added was the "Mack the Knife" overture, a song that became popular once again in the '50s.

Tabor Academy in Marion will present Brecht's and Weill's masterpiece on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 19 - 21 at 7:30 pm in the Hoyt Performing Arts Center. John Heavey is the director, David Horne is the musical director, Richard Van Voris the technical director, and Jane Babbitt the choreographer. Student designers include Geoff April ('04) for the scenery and Andrew Modlin ('05) for the lighting. Although the show will be set in the back and squalid alleys of London, the costuming will suggest many periods, reflecting the director's idea that the plight of the poor and homeless is timeless. The cast and crew involve the efforts of more than 60 students, including locals Paul Hanson of Wareham as Mack the Knife and Steve Faulkner of Mattapoisett as Tiger Brown.

Tickets may be purchased for \$7 at the Symphony Music Shop and Baker Books in North Dartmouth and The Bookstall in Marion, or they may be purchased at the door for \$10. All seats are reserved.

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foreign students to the ORR District, but also sends local youths to other countries for a variety of international experiences. Attending ORR High School this year are Fernanda Azocar from Chile, Peter Boertz from Germany, Miguel Espada from Spain, and Ruzanna Putneva from Russia. Recently, ORR High School students have participated in exchange programs in Italy, Germany and France.

The AFS Parent Chapter is made up of adult members of the tri-town area who volunteer time and support to ensure the continued success of the student club. The group meets monthly to plan fund-raising campaigns and to discuss student trips and gatherings. The club contributes to defray the costs of AFS student activities and to provide scholarship aid to students from ORR High School who wish to study abroad. This year the Parent Chapter is chaired by Deb Giokas of Marion, the Student Chapter is chaired by Jackie Sager of Marion, and the Faculty Advisor is Geoffrey Kelsey.

If you were not contacted during the Phone-A-Thon and would like to support AFS at Old Rochester Regional High School, tax-deductible contributions may be sent to AFS, P.O. Box 585, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Again, many thanks to those who have pledged support this year. Watch for more news of AFS activities in the press. They appreciate the continued support from members of the tri-town communities.



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Rochester Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2004-2005 school year will be held at the Rochester Memorial School the week of February 23, 2004 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm for children whose birth date is prior to September 1, 1999.

Parents must bring a birth certificate, two verifications of home address, a record of immunization, and a physician's certificate showing the date and results of a lead screening. Each student must have a physical examination dated no more than six months prior to the beginning of classes.

Kindergarten parents are welcome to an Orientation Meeting that will take place on Tuesday, February 10 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Kindergarten classrooms at Memorial School. The staff is especially anxious to hear from families who are new to Rochester or whose names might not appear on the Annual Town Census.

Mattapoisett Maconchu Club

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Maconchu Club will be held on February 21 at 7:30 pm in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street. Mark Rogers will speak on the controversial subject of wind farms and electricity production. Mark is with the group "Cape Wind" and is very familiar with the subject. Everyone is welcome to attend, so please come with your questions in hand. Refreshments and

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Sippican Woman's Club

Author Daniel Robb will discuss his book, *Crossing the Water* at the February 13, 2004 meeting of the Sippican Woman's Club. The meeting, held at Handy's Tavern, will begin at 12:30 pm with a light luncheon followed by a brief business meeting.

Mr. Robb will share some of his experiences as a teacher at the Penikese Island School for troubled young boys. There will be a book signing following his presentation.

The Sippican Woman's Club is a civic-minded organization whose only fund-raising venture each year, the Holiday House Tour, funds scholarship awards for Marion students seeking higher education. Women who are residents of Marion or whose interests are in Marion are eligible for membership.

ORR Parents Association

The January meeting of the ORR Parents Association was an informational packed session. The group was addressed by Terry Dall, Chairman of the ORR High School English Department on preventing plagiarism. The awareness and preventative resources that Ms. Dall made to the group was an eye opener.

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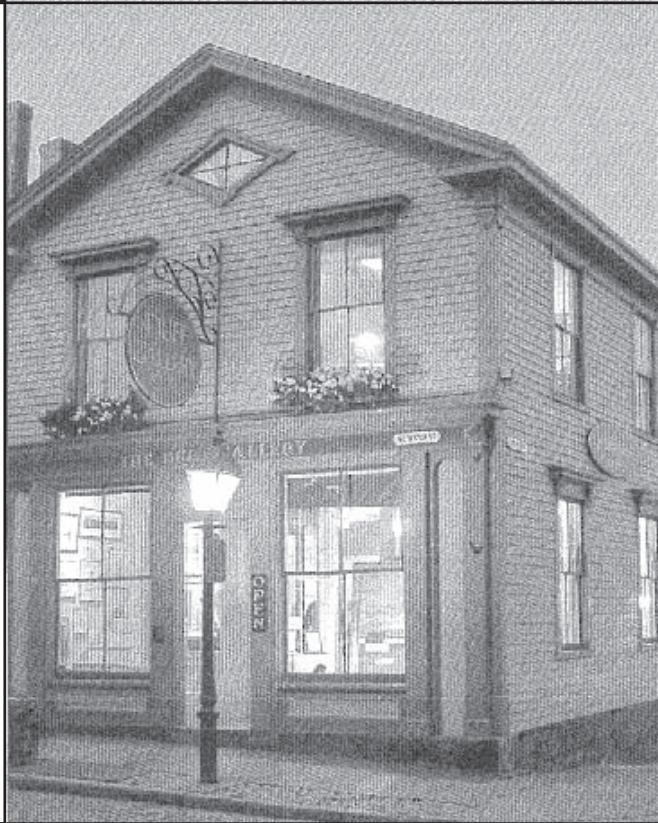


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Tri-County Symphonic Band

It is time to put on your dancin' shoes, because the Tri-County Symphonic Band will present its Annual Children's Concert subtitled "An Invitation to Dance." This concert is absolutely free and open to the public.

For the second year, the Tri-County Symphonic Band will be augmented by student musicians (from Grade 6 through freshman year in college) to form an ensemble connected by fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, teachers and students. This group, consisting of 24 young wind and percussion instrumentalists, represents the extended musical community that the Tri-County Symphonic Band has fostered for over 40 years.

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Tri-County Music Association scholarship winner Tyler Kingsland will be featured soloist on "Caprice for Saxophone." Mr. Kingsland is a Fairhaven resident, UMass Lowell freshman, and a fine alto and tenor saxophonist. He will be brought back later in the program to play "Yackety Sax" (Benny Hill's theme song). There will

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Guys and Dolls at ORR

The Old Rochester Regional Junior High School production of "Guys and Dolls, Jr." will be presented on Thursday, January 29 at 7:00 pm in the ORR Junior High School Auditorium. The cast and crew of more than 70 students, staff, and parent volunteers are now rehearsing and preparing for what is sure to be a most entertaining performance.

Brianna Hogan will star as Sarah Brown, the "Mission Doll" who finds love where she least expects it. Scott Bissonette, as Sky Masterson, is the debonair Gambler-Turned-Missionary. Johanna Wickemeyer and Shawn Murphy will steal the show as the flu-ridden Adelaide and her fiancé of 14 years, Nathan Detroit. With Will Schlitzer and Charles Johnson as Benny and Nicely-Nicely, the laughs won't stop!

Tickets for the show are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and senior citizens and can be purchased through any ORR Drama Club member or by contacting the Junior High School at 508-758-4928. Also, you can show your support for the ORRJHS Drama Club by purchasing a "Drama-Gram" personal message or ad to appear in the program. Send a "Break A Leg" or "You've Made Us Proud" message to your special thespian. To do so, just talk to a Drama Club member or visit Ms. Vaughn's page on the school website at www.oldrochester.org for more information.

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Mattapoisett Town Clerk

Town Election

The Mattapoisett Annual Town Election is scheduled for May 18, 2004. Nomination papers are now available and may be taken out for the following positions:

- Board of Selectmen (3 years) – Barry J. Denham, incumbent;
- Assessor (3 years) – William O. Hall, incumbent;
- Mattapoisett School Committee (2 positions, 3 years) – Gerald E. Johnson and Daniel J. Bungert, incumbents;
- Old Rochester Regional School Committee (3 years) – Luther Leake, incumbent;
- Trustee of Public Library (2 positions, 3 years) – Bette A. Roberts and Mary F. Magee, incumbents;
- Town Moderator (1 year) – John A. Eklund, incumbent;
- Water/Sewer Commissioner (3 years) – Gary A. Gaspar, incumbent;
- Board of Health (3 years) – Daniel C. Lee Jr., incumbent;
- Constable (2 positions, 3 years) – William O. Simpson and Paul H. Magee, incumbents;
- Planning Board (5 years) – Robert H. Field, incumbent;
- Mattapoisett Housing Authority (5 years) – Cheryl A. Ellis, incumbent;








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fication by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 30, 2004. The last
day to register to be able to vote in the Annual Town
Election is April 20, 2004. If you have any questions,
please call Town Clerk Barbara A. Sullivan at 508-758-
4103.

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses are now available for 2004 in the
Town Clerk's office. Dogs are required to be licensed
when they are six months old or upon receipt of their first
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ficate must also be presented if not already on file to receive
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Presidential Primary

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Shellfish Buttons

2004 Shellfish Buttons are on sale in the Mattapoisett Selectmen's office for a fee of \$25 each. All persons holding shellfish buttons numbers 1-50 must pick them up prior to Monday, February 2, 2004 or forfeiture of license will result.

Beach/Wharf Stickers

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MOVIE REVIEW

Blood Work

By Rob Gonsalves
<http://robsreviews.cjb.net>



Monster. Starring Charlize Theron and Christina Ricci.
 Directed by Patty Jenkins. Running time: 111 minutes.
 MPAA rating: R.

Monster is a real-life horror movie — of the small but prestigious serious-true-crime-film genre — that deserves to stand alongside *Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer* and *In Cold Blood*. This particular story has inspired books, a TV movie (*Overkill*, starring Jean Smart), two documentaries by Nick Broomfield, and even an opera. What is there left to say about Aileen Wuornos, who confessed in 1991 to the highway murders of seven men? A prostitute with a terribly harsh backstory, Wuornos lashed out at the world, at anything that threatened her one chance at love — her relationship with lover Tyria Moore, who ended up betraying her to the police by taping a phone call in which Wuornos talked about her crimes.

Writer/director Patty Jenkins focuses on this doomed love in a loveless life. Aileen (Charlize Theron), when we meet her as an adult, has been hooking since she was thirteen. Men disgust her, because she sees the worst of them at their worst. She denies she's a lesbian, but when she meets the tiny, girlish Selby (a fictionalized Tyria, well-played by Christina Ricci in a change-of-pace optimistic role), something in her is moved. She wants to take care of Selby, enacting a husband role — Selby will stay home (she can't work with her arm in a cast) while Aileen goes out and makes money by turning tricks. When one of her johns (Lee Tergesen of *Oz*, letting his freak flag fly) goes psycho on her, she kills him in self-defense. The other six men she kills do little to earn it except picking her up and having money — and she needs money to keep Selby fed.

The real triumph of Charlize Theron's performance, aside from the cosmetic transformation you've heard too much about, is that she lets us understand Aileen's murderous determination while never romanticizing it or excusing it. This is, undoubtedly, a severely damaged personality at the end of her rope, and Theron makes Aileen realistically frightening and unreachable at times. Murder in her hands is certainly not cool. Two of her encounters with men — Pruitt Taylor Vince as a hapless, stammering trucker and Scott Wilson as a good samaritan — come to surprising and



resonant ends, and Theron's face registers Aileen's disgust with her company, her world, herself.

This could be the simple story of an abused woman who finally snapped; her beating and torture at the hands of her first victim may shock the unshockable, particularly the sadistic use of rubbing alcohol after Aileen has been violated by a stick. Yet Jenkins' handling of the murder that follows doesn't have a remotely victorious tone. Aileen is one of the lost, one of the people for whom nothing will ever go right (there's a mid-film montage of Aileen pathetically applying for various jobs), and her killings don't have the ring of empowerment but the predetermined knell of a descent further into hell. She goes home to her lover after one murder, pausing to wash off the blood in the hotel shower. Past a certain point, if Selby doesn't know where all of Aileen's money is coming from, it's probably because she doesn't want to know.

Theron also catches the nervous, creepy aliveness of Aileen, something I noticed while watching the actual person in Broomfield's 1992 documentary *Aileen Wuornos: The Selling of a Serial Killer*. Aileen, who was executed in October 2002, was no dimwit; she was terribly emotionally stunted, as *Monster* acknowledges on several occasions, including Aileen's infamous courtroom tirade (having seen the real Aileen delivering the obscenities in Broomfield's film, I can attest that Theron duplicates the moment precisely). Aileen's answer to just about everything was a closed fist. Though Aileen later repudiated her own earlier claims that all of her murders had been in self-defense, *Monster* looks deeper and sees a life lived in self-defense.

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FLAGSHIP CINEMA 8
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 Movie Hotline: (508) 291-4100

Friday, January 30 through Thursday, February 5.
Along Came Polly (PG-13) — 12:15, 2:15, 4:15, 7:20, 9:45
Win A Date With Tad Hamilton (PG-13) — Fri, Sun-Thu: 12:20,
 2:30, 4:35, 7:05, 9:10; Sat: 12:20, 2:30, 4:35, 9:10
You Got Served (PG-13) — 12:45, 3:00, 5:00, 7:20, 9:35
Cheaper by the Dozen (PG) — 12:10, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:20
Lord of the Rings: Return of the King (PG-13) — 12:00, 4:00, 8:00
The Butterfly Effect (R) — 12:30, 3:30, 7:10, 9:30
Cold Mountain (R) — 12:20, 3:15, 6:50, 9:40
The Perfect Score (PG-13) — 12:35, 2:35, 4:35, 7:15, 9:25
Miracle (PG) — *Sneak Preview Sat. (1/31) only at 7:00 pm!*

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 Movie Hotline: (508) 985-3000

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The Big Bounce (PG-13) — 12:30, 2:35, 4:45, 7:20, 9:35
You Got Served (PG-13) — 12:05, 2:15, 4:20, 7:00, 9:10
Calendar Girls (PG-13) — 12:05, 2:40, 4:55, 7:10, 9:45
Master & Commander (PG-13) — 12:25, 4:00, 7:15, 10:00
The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (PG-13) —
 12:00, 4:00, 8:00
Cheaper by the Dozen (PG) — 12:15, 2:20, 7:10
Along Came Polly (PG-13) — 12:20, 2:30, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30
The Butterfly Effect (R) — 12:20, 2:55, 5:10, 7:30, 9:55
Win A Date With Tad Hamilton (PG-13) — 12:15, 2:25, 4:40,
 7:00, 9:20
Mystic River (R) — 12:10, 3:30, 7:00, 9:45
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 6:40, 9:10; Sun: 12:50, 3:30, 6:40; Mon-Thu: 3:30, 6:40
The Cooler (R) — Fri: 3:55, 6:45, 9:00; Sat: 12:40, 3:55, 6:45,
 9:00; Sun: 12:40, 3:55, 6:45; Mon-Thu: 3:55, 6:45
Girl With the Pearl Earring (PG-13) — Fri: 3:50, 6:35, 9:00; Sat:
 1:00, 3:50, 6:35, 9:00; Sun: 1:00, 3:50, 6:35; Mon-Thu: 3:50,
 6:35
Lost in Translation (R) — Fri: 3:40, 6:50, 9:10; Sat: 12:30, 3:40,
 6:50, 9:10; Sun: 12:30, 3:40, 6:50; Mon-Thu: 3:40, 6:50
Monster (R) — Fri: 3:20, 6:30, 9:05; Sat: 12:20, 3:20, 6:30, 9:05;
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Wednesday, February 4 – American chop suey, green beans, scallion bread, pineapple in light syrup.

Thursday, February 5 – Turkey ham with fruit sauce, whipped sweet potatoes, California blend vegetables, muffin, peach crisp, graham wafer.

Friday, February 6 – Tuna noodle casserole, peas, quick bread roll, mandarin oranges in light syrup.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, February 2 – Chicken nuggets, smile fries, carrots, soup, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, February 3 –

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Wednesday, February 4 – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, meatball sub, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 5 – Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, February 6 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

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Monday, February 2 – Chicken pattie sandwich, pizza burrito, rice, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday, February 3 – Pork pattie sandwich, hamburger/cheeseburger, French fries, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, February 4 – Cheese lasagna, veal cutlet sandwich, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, February 5 – Hot dog on a roll, grilled cheese, French fries, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, February 6 – French bread pizza, tuna salad sandwich, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

• MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, February 2 – Chicken nuggets, smile fries, carrots, soup, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, February 3 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, oven fries, lettuce/tomato, pickles, fruit, soup, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, February 4 – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, meatball sub, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 5 – Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, February 6 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, February 2 – Sausage pattie, shaved steak, potato puffs, carrots, fruit, chocolate cake.

Tuesday, February 3 – Orange juice, meatball sub, chips, green beans, chilled fruit.

Wednesday, February 4 – Bologna and cheese, chicken chow mein, rice, stir fry, chocolate cake.

Thursday, February 5 – Grilled hot dog, chili, French fries, corn, fruit, cookie.

Friday, February 6 – Bagel pizza, hash brown pattie, mixed vegetables, assorted dessert.

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL, MATTAPOISETT

Monday, February 2 – Chicken nuggets, smile fries, carrots, soup, dessert, milk.

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Wednesday, February 4 – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, meatball sub, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 5 – Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, February 6 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

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Wednesday, February 4 – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, meatball sub, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, February 5 – Cheese or pepperoni pizza, tuna roll, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

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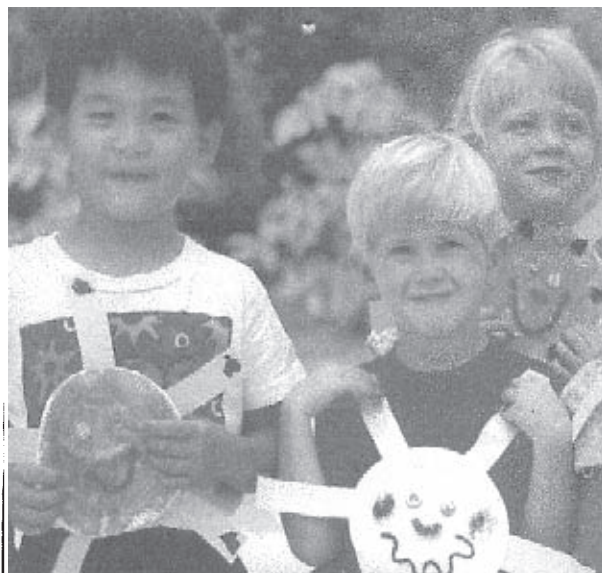
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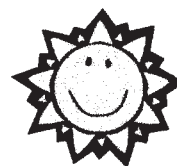
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INNER VIEWS

Being Accountable

By Kenneth J. Souza
news@wanderer.com

They say there are only two sure things in life: death and taxes. Well, maybe there's something to be said for small-town interdepartmental feuds, too.

In fact, you can almost account, er, *count* on them.

Here's the latest dirt to come out of Rochester without the benefit of either truck or Earth Removal Permit. When Town Clerk and Selectmen Chairman Naida Parker recently lost longtime employee Helena Brown to retirement, she opted to bump up part-time employee Loraine McCombe from 15 to 20 hours a week instead of hiring a replacement for Ms. Brown. The money allocated for the previous two part-time Town Clerk's positions (25 hours total) would easily cover the position. Fair enough.

Only this increase in hours would now make Ms. McCombe eligible for insurance benefits, vacation and sick time, totaling \$6,000 to \$7,000 a year — a fact which Town Accountant Claudette Coutu promptly pointed out. Also, fair enough.

But Ms. McCombe, who retired after years with the U.S. Postal Service, had no need to take advantage of the benefits since she already is covered via her federal retirement package. Sounds like a good deal for everyone.

It also sounded like a good deal to the Board of Selectmen, which approved the increase in Ms. McCombe's hours as per a request from Ms. Parker in her capacity as Town Clerk. And in keeping with past practice, Personnel Board Chairman Paul Hughes gave his endorsement to the change in position on behalf of his board.

Typically such job changes or hirings under the Rochester Personnel By-Laws require the signatures of a department head (Town Clerk Naida Parker), the Personnel Board or Personnel Officer (Paul Hughes), the Board of Selectmen Chairman, and the Town Accountant. Despite having garnered the approval of the first three, however, Ms. Coutu declined to sign Ms. McCombe's Employee Action Form (EAF) until the Finance Committee (FinCom) also weighed in on the matter.

You see, Ms. Coutu is not only Town Accountant but also a voting member of the FinCom.

Still with me? Good.

Alternately exchanging her hats as both Town Clerk and Selectmen Chairman, Ms. Parker then asked her fellow board members to support a letter of reprimand to be placed in Ms. Coutu's file for "exceeding her authority" and "harassing" Ms. McCombe. Ms. Parker maintained that Ms. Coutu's job responsibilities as Town Accountant under Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 41, Sections 50-55, are restricted solely to ensuring that requested expenditures are not "illegal, fraudulent, or in excess of the town budget," she said.

Given that this job change was well within those parameters and already had the other three required endorsements, she felt Ms. Coutu was attempting to affect personnel policy and, in short, was "overstepping her bounds."

To gum up the works further, although Ms. McCombe's 20-hour hike had been approved as of this writing, Ms. Parker pressed the reprimand issue again at the most recent Selectmen's meeting,

alleging that Ms. Coutu subsequently commented at a public meeting on Ms. McCombe's age as a factor in whether or not she will be able to continue in the position.

"I make a motion again that we reprimand Ms. Coutu for exceeding her authority as Town Accountant and for harassment in making an issue of Ms. McCombe's age," Chairman Parker said at the meeting.

"There was no negative comment made in regard to (Ms. McCombe's) age and her capability of doing the job," Ms. Coutu said. "I'm not the type of person that will just sign something to sign it. I like to make sure that all my bases are covered and that I do the same thing from one department head to the other. I basically follow the same guidelines for everyone."

Although she wasn't present when the alleged remark about her age was made and she maintains that she doesn't have any animosity towards Ms. Coutu, Ms. McCombe did confront her about the comment: "Somebody had already told me that she said I was old, so I asked her what she said. She said: 'I was not referring to you personally, I was saying that you are old and you don't know if you can work the 20 hours or you can do the job. And if something happens, then somebody else will have to be hired and probably (require) the full benefits.'"

"You can't do that — it's illegal, it's not appropriate," Ms. Parker said. "And whether (Ms. McCombe) can do this job or not, it's up to me to decide."

Since Ms. McCombe's Employee Action Form has been approved, what lingers in the cramped, confined spaces of the Rochester Town Hall is the bitter aftertaste of resentment and the throbbing toes which have been stepped on one too many times. It apparently all comes down to politics as usual.

"You really need a Personnel Administrator to coordinate things here," admitted Town Administrator James Huntoon, who once served in that capacity but stepped aside to make way for the Personnel Board. "Some of these boards are becoming policy-making boards ... and it's not their job."

Indeed, I would have to concur that a *Finance* Committee should be dealing with town finances, a *Town Accountant* should be keeping close tabs on the town's accounts, and all personnel matters — be they new hires or changes in status — should come under the purview of the *Personnel* Board and/or Personnel Administrator. Whether or not Ms. Coutu exceeded her authority in this case remains to be seen — both she and Ms. McCombe have been asked to come before the Board of Selectmen on Monday, February 2 to air things out.

But just as Ms. Parker is stepping down from her Selectman's seat to devote more time to her Town Clerk's duties, I think Ms. Coutu's sitting on the FinCom as a voting member bears some reexamination, too. After all, Marion Town Accountant Karen Gomez is not involved with the Marion FinCom at all, and Mattapoisett Town Accountant Judith Mooney serves as only an ad hoc, non-voting member of the Mattapoisett FinCom.

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Local Police Logs

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The following log excerpts are for the week of January 18, 2004 through January 24, 2004:

- Moorings Road – fire alarm
- Spring Street – assist other police department
- Wareham Road – officer wanted
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Joanne Drive – transport
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Parkway Lane – animal complaint
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/personal injury
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Riverview Lane – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
- Delano Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Church Street – assist other police department
- Wareham Road – annoying phone calls
- Marvel Street – animal complaint
- Spring Street – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Front Street – suspicious activity
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- High Street – assist other police department
- Spring Street – parking violation
- Mattapoissett Town Line – assist other police department
- County Road – motor vehicle accident/hit and run/property damage
- Point Road – suspicious activity
- Wilson Road – animal complaint
- Mill Street – assist other police department
- Wareham Road – suspicious activity/adult arrests: 2 (possession of Class A substance, possession of heroin, operating with suspended license,

resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, warrants)

- Front Street – adult arrest (operating uninsured motor vehicle, operating with suspended license, possession of marijuana, default warrant)
- County Road – animal complaint
- Reservation Way – suspicious person
- Point Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Spring Street – animal complaint
- Route 195 West – suspicious motor vehicle
- Wareham Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Front Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Pumping Station Road – animal complaint
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Mill Street – liquor violation
- Front Street – assist other police department
- Wareham Road – assist other police department
- Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
- Mill Street – medical emergency.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 18, 2004 through January 24, 2004:

- Prospect Road – assist other agency
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident
- Angelica Avenue – motor vehicle accident
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident
- Route 195 East – motor vehicle accident
- Shady Oak Drive – ambulance request
- Marion Road – motor vehicle accident
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle accident
- Church Street – fire alarm
- Acushnet Road – motor vehicle accident
- Oakland Street – medical assist
- County Road – safe keeping property
- County Road – property found
- Long Plain Road – safety/road hazard
- County Road – suspicious persons
- Laura Lane – suspicious activities
- North Street – motor vehicle violations
- County Road – property returned
- Peace Pipe Path – suspicious activity
- North Street – safety/road hazard
- North Street – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Avenue A – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Crystal Spring Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Bowman Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Beacon Street – suspicious persons

- Acushnet Road – motor vehicle violations
- Water Street – larceny/forgery/fraud
- Route 6 – assist other agency
- Route 195 East – adult arrest
- County Road – mutual aid/police
- Industrial Drive – officer wanted
- County Road – motor vehicle accident
- County Road – auto fire
- North Street – motor vehicle accident
- Cove Street – suspicious persons
- North Street – motor vehicle accident
- Aucoot Road – motor vehicle theft
- Brandt Island Road – motor vehicle violations
- Lebaron Way – suspicious motor vehicle
- Holly Woods Road – motor vehicle violations.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of January 20, 2004 through January 27, 2004:

- Walnut Plain Road – adult arrest (fugitive from justice on court warrant)
- Cushman Road – inspections
- North Avenue – animal control
- Mattapoissett Road – motor vehicle accident
- North Avenue – motor vehicle accident
- Braley Hill Road – motor vehicle accident
- Dexter Lane – highway matter
- Mary's Pond Road – motor vehicle accident
- Cross Road – motor vehicle accident
- Mary's Pond Road – highway matter
- Walnut Plain Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
- High Street – motor vehicle accident
- Bennett Road – assist citizen
- Cushman Road – highway matter
- New Bedford Road – motor vehicle accident
- North Avenue – civil complaint
- Mendell Road – highway matter
- Alley Road – motor vehicle accident
- Dexter Lane – simple threats
- Mattapoissett Road – motor vehicle accident
- Front Street – assist other agency
- Porter Road – fire
- County Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- Marion Road – adult arrest (fugitive from justice on court warrant)
- Mary's Pond Road – ATV/recreational vehicle complaint
- New Bedford Road – domestic disturbance
- Hartley Road – fire
- Marion Road – domestic disturbance
- New Bedford Road – traffic control.

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Mattapoisett Library Grant

At the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) regular monthly meeting recently, they announced Construction Grant Awards totaling \$38,249,194 for 21 public libraries across the Commonwealth in the 2000-2001 Grant Round — \$1.575 million of which has been earmarked for the Mattapoisett Free Public Library.

Although each of the 21 libraries has until May 15, 2005 to formally accept these awards, Mattapoisett Free Public Library Trustees expect to be able to sign a contract within the next few months.

Town voters approved bonding \$500,000 while the library's Capital Campaign Steering Committee has raised \$1.45 million in donations and pledges to date from a 2003 town-wide mailing that raised \$59,364 to many larger gifts contributed by private citizens, local busi-

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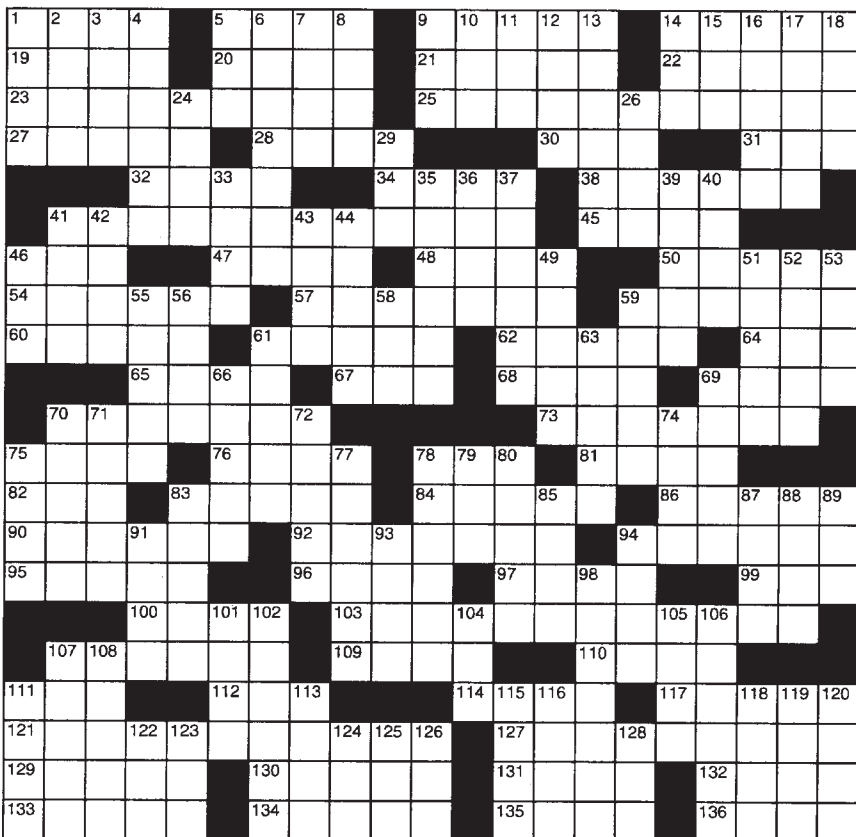
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36 Seth's son
37 Evaluate
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VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A state of confusion is soon cleared up with explanations from the responsible parties. Don't waste time chastising anyone. Instead, move forward with your plans.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might feel obligated to help work out a dispute between family members. But this is one of those times when you should step aside and let them work out their problems on their own.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your ability to resolve an on-the-job problem without leaving too many ruffled feathers earns you kudos from co-workers. You also impress major decision-makers at your workplace.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Newly made and long-held friendships merge well, with possibly one exception. Take time to listen to the dissenter's explanations. You could learn something important.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be prepared to be flexible about your current travel plans. Although you don't have to take them, at least consider suggestions from the experts in the travel business.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A problem with a recent financial transaction could lead to more problems later on unless you resolve it immediately. Get all the proof you need to support your position.

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The public hearing will be conducted on Thursday, February 12, 2004 at 7:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Rochester Town Hall, One Constitution Way. Richard D. Manning, Jr., Chairman 01/29, 02/05</p> <p>LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF MATTAPoisETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 9, 2004 at 8:40 PM in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Robert E. Sullivan. The applicant proposes to demolish the existing dwelling to rebuild a larger house in the same general location and to upgrade the sewage disposal system per Title 5 requirements. All work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (Zone E, El. 14). The project is located at 22 Avenue A, Assessors Map 2A, Lot #110. 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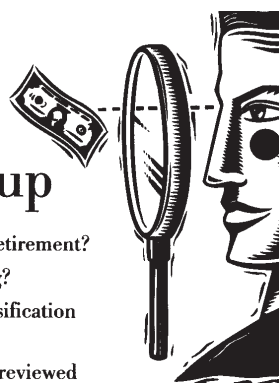
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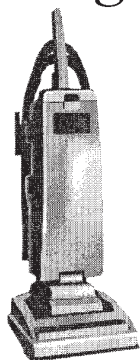
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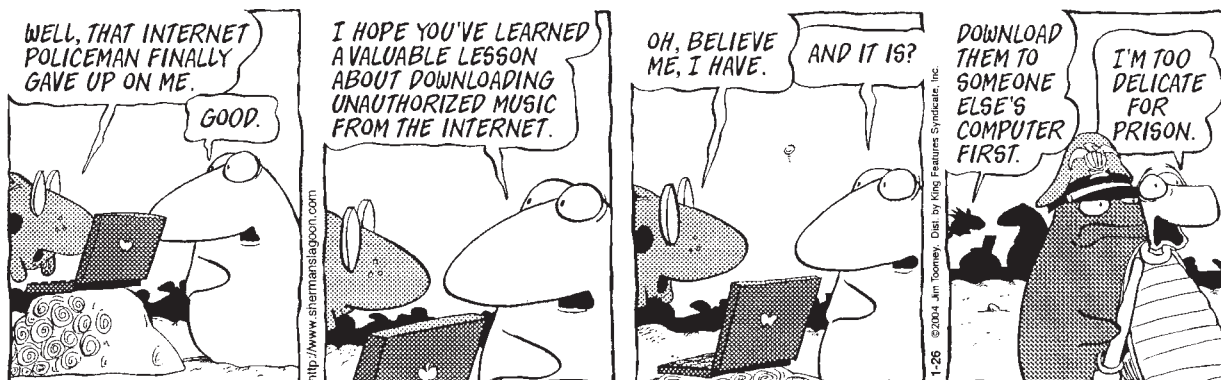
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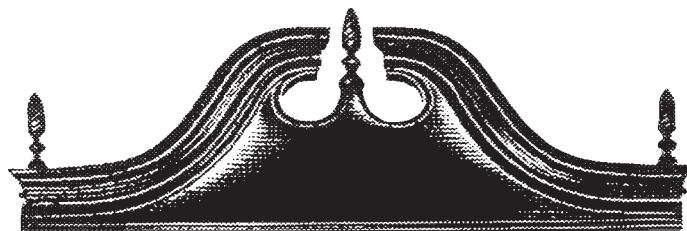
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January 29:	Thur.	1:19	1:45	7:15	6:53
January 30:	Fri.	2:11	2:39	8:42	7:53
January 31:	Sat.	3:09	3:38	9:46	8:55
February 1:	Sun.	4:12	4:36	10:36	9:51
February 2:	Mon.	5:09	5:28	11:21	10:42
February 3:	Tues.	5:55	6:13	11:59	11:31
February 4:	Wed.	6:35	6:55	...	12:47
February 5:	Thur.	7:11	7:33	12:17	1:25
February 6:	Fri.	7:48	8:11	1:02	2:00
February 7:	Sat.	8:26	8:51	1:45	2:31
February 8:	Sun.	9:06	9:33	2:26	3:01
February 9:	Mon.	9:50	10:18	3:07	3:31
February 10:	Tues.	10:36	11:05	3:49	4:05
February 11:	Wed.	11:26	11:56	4:35	4:45
February 12:	Thur.	...	12:19	5:27	5:32
February 13:	Fri.	12:51	1:16	6:34	6:31
February 14:	Sat.	1:52	2:19	8:08	7:43
February 15:	Sun.	2:59	3:27	9:41	9:01

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